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THROUGH: Daron Haddock, Permit Supervisor *DH*

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DATE: April 27, 1993

RE: Conveyor Cover Amendment, Utah Fuel and Skyline Coal Companies,
Skyline Mine, Folder #2, ACT/007/005-93B, Carbon County, Utah

SUMMARY, ANALYSIS, AND RECOMMENDATIONS

Skyline has proposed that their plan be modified so that the covers are not required to be left on the sides of the overland conveyor from the mine to the loadout. This is to be done to provide adequate inspection and maintenance of the system.

The Air Quality Approval Order states, "Utah Fuel shall replace the multi-flight flat conveyor according to the information submitted in the Notice of Intent dated February 13, 1992, and additional information submitted to the Executive Secretary dated May 18, 1992. The new single flight closed tube conveyor shall extend from the crusher building down Eccles Canyon to the railroad loadout facility." There is no indication in this paragraph or in other parts of the Approval Order that enclosure beyond what the conveyor tube itself provides is required. Additional information was examined at the Division of Air Quality, and there is no indication that the proposed change would not be allowed.

The original plan called for the conveyor to be completely enclosed in a gallery above the highway and Eccles Creek. These portions of the plan have not been changed. The CHIA done for the conveyor revision mentions that the conveyor will be a tube and that it will be completely enclosed at each end, including above Eccles Creek, but does not otherwise discuss any enclosure.

Because coal in the conveyor is completely enclosed in the tube or in one of the galleries, removing some of the side panels along the conveyor is unlikely to cause environmental degradation. Approval of this amendment is recommended.

